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Method of improving yield and vigor of plants by treatment

with diazole, triazole and strobilurin-type fungicides

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R §1.111

Dear Sir:

This Response and Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated September 2, 2003, and is believed to be timely due to being filed concurrently with a Petition for an Extension of Time of One Month under 37 CFR §1.136, and an appropriate fee for the extension. The Response is intended to be responsive to all issues remaining unresolved that were raised in the last Office Action.

There are no Amendments to the Specification.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

There are no Amendments to the Drawings.

Remarks / Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.